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H. R. 2488

To amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to facilitate the fingerprint checks authorized by that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

Mr. FOLEY (for himself, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CASTLE, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BRADY, Ms. DUNN, Mr. REYES, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. BARCIA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Volunteers for Chil-
5 dren Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF FINGERPRINT CHECKS.**

2 (a) STATE AGENCY.—Section 3(a) of the National
3 Child Protection Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 5119a(a)) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) In the absence of State procedures referred to
6 in paragraph (1), youth-serving nonprofit organizations
7 and institutions may contact an authorized agency of the
8 State to request a nationwide background check, including
9 a check of fingerprint records.”.

10 (b) FEDERAL LAW.—Section 3(b) of such Act (42
11 U.S.C. 5119a(b)) is amended by adding after and below
12 paragraph (5) the following:

13 “The requirement of the public law referred to in para-
14 graph (5) does not apply to requests by youth-serving non-
15 profit organizations for nationwide background checks, in-
16 cluding checks of fingerprint records.”.

17 (c) FEES.—Section 3(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
18 5119a(e)) is amended by striking “In the case of” and
19 all that follows through “the State shall” and inserting
20 “In the case of a background check requested by a quali-
21 fied entity, the fees collected by authorized State agencies
22 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation may not exceed
23 the actual costs of the background check conducted with
24 fingerprints. The State may”.

25 (d) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 4(b)(2) of such Act
26 (42 U.S.C. 5119b(b)(2)) is amended by striking “1994,

1 1995, 1996, and 1997” and inserting “1998, 1999, 2000,
2 and 2001”.

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